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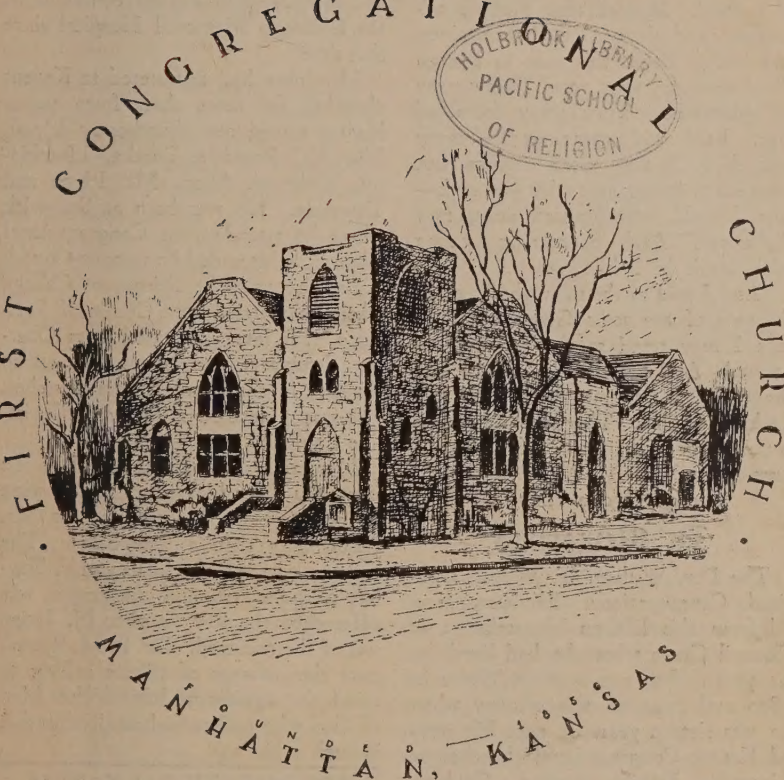

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Thought For The Year

A new year is like the beginning of a song, the start of a journey, the birth of a child. In each case there is adventure, and danger, and uncertainty, and faith. Begin this year as though all of yesterday were gone. Throw away all grievances. Turn away from all fear. Look with eagerness for every new day. It may mean trouble, but more often it will hold what you seek—new friends, new opportunities, new challenges. And concerning your faith, let it be bold.

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown! And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way."

George Ogden Kirk

In Memoriam

The Rev. William T. Williams, retired Congregational Minister, passed from this life on November 3 at Council Grove where he had lived for 34 years. He was born in Wales in 1870 and came to this country when he was sixteen years of age. He served Kansas Congregational churches at Linwood, Downs, Lenora, Gaylord, Sterling, Kinsley and Council Grove.

The Rev. W. S. Stevenson had charge of the Memorial service on Sunday afternoon, November 6, when the Rev. W. E. Dull, long time friend, gave the message of tribute. Mr. Williams is survived by four daughters, three living in Council Grove and one in Dodge City.

John H. Jones

At proof-reading time, we are adjustinging our magazine copy to tell of the passing of our beloved Kansas Minister, the Rev. John H. Jones of Towanda on January 4th, 1956. Mr. Jones suffered a heart attack on December first and had been in critical condition at the Eldorado Memorial Hospital since that time.

Mr. Jones had ministered to Kansas churches for more than forty years; having served our churches at Udall, Ellis, KC Rosedale, Eureka, Hutchinson, Osborne, Alton, Mt. Hope and Towanda. He was born at Sedgwick where he attended our Congregational Church, he attended Fairmount Church during his years at Fairmount College where he married Lora Cronin of Partridge. He later graduated from Oberlin Seminary, and spent his entire ministry in the above Kansas churches. His was a devoted ministry of Christlike simplicity.

Memorial services were held at the Towanda Church, January 7, following an order of worship planned by Mr. Jones more than a year before. The scripture was read by Dr. Lynn F. Taylor, a son-in-law, and the prayer was offered by the Rev. Stephen N. Jones, son of the deceased. Dr. L. M. Rymph gave the message of tribute calling to mind the significant life of this Man of God who had served small churches in such a big way.

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MANHATTAN CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

On the bitterly cold night of January 6, 1856, a small group of pioneer settlers met in the cabin home of Dr. and Mrs. Amory Hunting, of Manhattan and organized a Congregational church which is now, January 1956, celebrating the completion of a century of growth and of Christian service to the community and to the state. The leader and organizer of the church in those faraway days of territorial Kansas, was the Rev. Charles E. Blood who had been commissioned by the American Missionary Society to carry the gospel message to the people on the distant frontier of settlement. He was a native of New Hampshire, but had grown to manhood in Illinois, graduated from Illinois College and from Lane Theological Seminary and now, with his wife, had appeared in the community that was to become Manhattan in the fall of 1854.

Frontier Hardships

There were very few settlers at the junction of the Blue and the Kaw in 1854 and even two years later there were still only a handful who had any knowledge of, interest in, Congregational usage and policy. Some twelve men and women composed the charter membership of the church, but the work begun by this little group of devoted pioneers has had a continuous and effective growth through all the vicissitudes of frontier hardship, political disorder, civil war, economic depressions, and other factors, encouraging and discouraging, that have marked the passing century.

Manhattan's First Church

A House of Worship

This church was the second one of our denomination to be organized in the area between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains, and its original house of worship was the second Congregational church building, to be dedicated in Kansas territory. The walls of that original church building, erected in 1858-59, still stand and enclose a part of the present church plant. It is, doubtless, the oldest building in the state to have been in continuous use for religious purposes by the same congregation. Growth in membership and expansion of service have called for enlargements of the physical facilities, so three times during the century has the church plant been expanded, in 1878, in 1904, and in 1913, but the original plan was so conceived that the older parts of the structure did not have to be destroyed in order to make place for the new.

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Courageous Leadership

Seventeen pastors have ministered to the church during its hundred years of existence. Several of them have served longer than average periods of pastorates. Those with the longer periods of service include, Rev. Roswell D. Parker, 1867-1881, who was one of the four men known as the Andover Band for they came direct to Kansas from the seminary in 1857 and gave practically the rest of their lives to Christian leadership in our state. Mr. Parker came from Wyandotte to Manhattan in 1867 and died here in 1899. The next long pastorate was that of Rev. Robert M. Tunnell whose ministry in this church was broken into two periods, from 1882 to 1890 and from 1894 to 1900. He was a scholarly, stimulating man who was much beloved and respected by the members of the church and also by the citizens of the town. The third long pastorate was that of the Rev. Charles T. Brewster, 1941 to 1953 and the character of his service is indicated by the statement of his followers who wrote that "he walked among us as a Saviour." Notable growth and progress of the church occurred during the briefer terms of leadership of Rev. O. B. Thurston, 1903 to 1910, who inspired the building of the present sanctuary; of Dr. Arthur E. Holt, 1910 to 1916, and of Dr. W. F. Slade, 1920 to 1925. During the pastorates of these men the membership of the church attained its maximum in numbers.

One Hundredth Birthday

The centennial celebration of this pioneer church was held January 6, 7 and 8, 1956. On Friday evening, January 6, a bountiful dinner was served in the basement of the church, followed by a service of worship in the church sanctuary. The Rev. Wm. F. Keeney, present pastor of the church presided. Superintendent L. M. Rymph brought a message on "The Household of Faith" and a group of applicants were received into membership as the "charter members for the new century." A tape recording brought greetings from former pastor, Dr. J. P. Jockinson, of Florida, who was unable to attend in person. A display of pictures and historical relics were available for all to see.

On Saturday afternoon, January 7, from three until five o'clock, the women of the church gave a Centennial Tea in the parlors in honor of visiting guests including Doctor and Mrs. Rymph, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Brewster, Mrs. A. E. Holt and others. Some costumes of earlier years were in evidence, and music was arranged and directed by the choir director, Forrest Davidson.

At the regular public worship hour on Sunday morning, the Rev. Charles T. Brewster, former pastor and now minister of the church at Yankton, South Dakota, gave the sermon. In this service the congregation sang the dedication hymn written by Mrs. C. E. Blood for the dedication of the first church building in 1859.

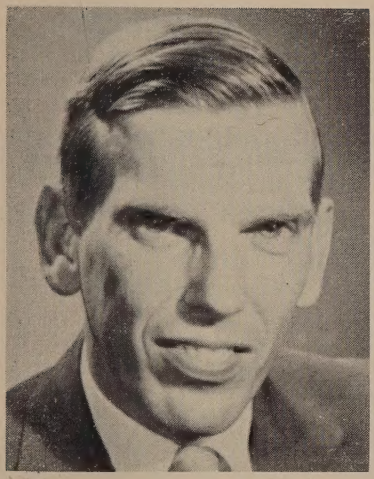
A Look Ahead

From the review of the life and labor of past generations, the church has derived inspiration to press on to even more effective service in the second century on which it has now entered.

—C. M. Correll, Historian

Manhattan's History

Professor C. M. Correll, Historian for Kansas State College and author of our Conference History "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" has written the Manhattan Church history in a seventy page booklet. A graphic story of events, dates, places and personalities.



Leader Called To New Church

Early in December, the Rev. Elmo Paff of Eden Church, Muncie, Indiana was given a unanimous call by the Wichita Extension Committee to become the minister of the new South Central Community Church in Wichita. Mr. Paff accepted the call and moved with his family to Wichita the middle of January.

Well Qualified

Mr. Paff comes to his new field with good background, training and experience. He is a graduate of the DePauw University and Chicago Theological Seminary where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1942. Following student pastorates he served a yoked field in Ohio for five years and had a six-year pastorate at International Falls, Minnesota. During his 2 years at Eden Church he led the congregation in building a beautiful $150,000 church.

Family

Mrs. Paff is also a graduate of De Pauw University and has had advanced study in the field of Social Service at the University of Chicago.

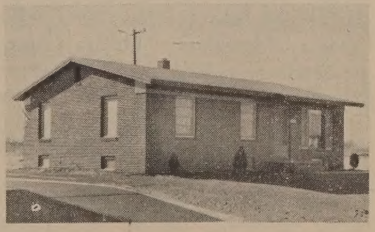
The Paff's have four children; Toby, 12; Lester, 10; Rachel, 8; and Lois, 4.

New Parsonage

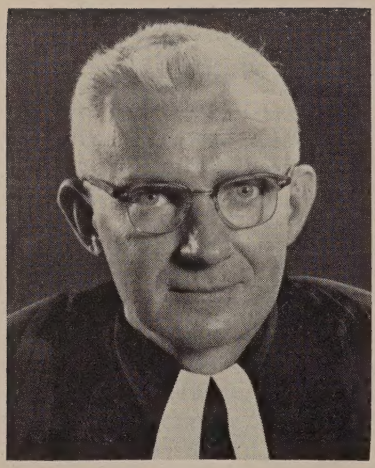
The Paff's will move into a new house at 1227 El Monte, recently purchased by the Conference. The house, centrally located in the new parish, has three bedrooms and a full basement.

The Church Home

For the past three and one-half months services have been held in the halls of the Wilson School, under the leadership of the Rev. Orville M. Hepler, Assistant Superintendent of the Conference. While working in Wichita, Mr. Hepler has head-quartered at the home of Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chairman of the Wichita Extension Committee. Under the direction of Willard Garvey, of Builders Incorporated, a building 40 by 60 feet with full basement, is under construction at Galena and Laura. As soon as it is completed, it will be rented to house the church program during the early years of organization and development. The Church School held each Sunday at 10 a.m. is being staffed by leaders from the local community. The children of the Church School with their parents enjoyed a Christmas party in the new parsonage on the afternoon of December 24.



New Wichita Parsonage



Thomas Chalmers Dick, Jr.
Convocation Guest

Washburn Convocation

Programs, letters and reservation cards have gone out for the 29th Annual Ministers' Convocation to be held February 7, 8 and 9.

The Rev. Thomas Chalmers Dick, Jr., of First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, will bring messages: "Worship Is Like a Lens," "Five Men on a Highway", "When a Violin String Breaks" and "Footsteps in a Parish."

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper will bring the Chapel talks and give added leadership. The Rev. Hans Poppe will act as Chaplain and the Rev. S. J. Williams as Moderator. Others making presentations include Dr. Dale Turner, Rev. T. N. Goodale, Mr. Roscoe Graves, Rev. Orville Hepler, Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt, Dr. Merton French and Rev. Merton Rymph.

Don't miss this annual meeting featuring fellowship and an inspirational program.

"Thank You" from Udall

We have had services in the basement of our new church since November 13. The sanctuary and kitchen are not completed but work is progressing. Our Christmas Eve program was held in the basement with all children and young people taking part in the Cantata.

We of the Udall Congregational Church wish to express our most humble thanks to each and everyone for their most generous contributions. Rebuilding our church would have been impossible without the help of so many generous and thoughtful people.

Mrs. Ira Satterthwaite, Clerk

NOTE: Since contributions to Udall were listed in the magazine, two sizeable gifts have been made: Whitewater, $537.50 and Wichita Plymouth, $900.00, making a total sent them thru the Conference office, of $11,694.45.

Rededication at Haven

Supt. L. M. Rymph was present for the dedication of the newly remodeled sanctuary at Haven on January 8. The walls were painted a soft green, new carpet installed, pews finished in ivory with walnut trim, and the chancel widened. New furnishings, handmade of walnut by Walter Schoonover, include an altar, lectern, pulpit and background panel with cross. Rev. J. D. Schmidt is Minister.

Maintaining The Christmas Glow

Again this year we feel reluctant to let go the spirit of this Blessed Season which in the words of Washington Irving, "seemed to throw open every door and unlock every heart."

Granting many exceptions, it seemed to us this year that the meaning of Christmas was deeper than some years.

May we share with you some glad tidings?

A GIFT OF LOVE

On Christmas Morning, more than 300 people packed Seaman Community Church and listened to the message of their beloved pastor with eyes aglow and beaming faces. Following the benediction, Wilbert and Mattie Dull, who have shepherded the Seaman flock for more than 27 years, were ushered to the church yard where five year old Monte Davis handed them the keys to a new 1956 Chevrolet. Draped as a Christmas package, the shining new turquoise blue and off white sedan radiated the love of a grateful congregation in the Christmas Morning surprise. It couldn't have happened to a more worthy couple.

THE CHARLES BAAR'S

Living at Blue Mound where they serve a Community Church, the Baar's also serve our Mound City Federated Church, 14 miles distant. Keeping up with the programs of four denominations and the activities of five growing children makes for an interesting time for Charles and Martha Baar.

FROM PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE

Our friends, Charlotte and Paul Reynolds, send greetings. Serving the Community Church there they report a 50% increase in giving to missions and a doubling of the fund for building a new sanctuary.

A Christmas Guest

The Rev. Hari Gnanadason of South Travancore, India was a guest in Kansas over the holidays. He came from Chicago on invitation of the Hepler's, friends from Family Camp last summer. Both he and the Hepler family were house guests of Mrs. John W. Gibson on Saturday and Christmas Sunday. Mr. Gnanadason brought the message at our new Wichita church on Sunday morning and was interviewed on television on a Wichita station.

The Marshall's

Millard and Myrtle live at Onaga, but also serve our Wheaton Congregational Church. Elaine, an 8th grader, is the only one of their three at home. Laurel is a Junior at KU. Bill who graduated from KU in January signed up immediately as an Ensign in the Navy.

The Nelson's

Greetings from the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Nelson came from Friona, Texas where they have served as interim leaders since the first of October.

The John Schlarb's

From 1035 Clay in Topeka, John, Marion and Dick send greetings. Marion is still secretary at Menninger's; Dick is in the first grade; John keeps the home fires burning and has had other work part of the time.

Christmas Joy at Flemming's

On December 28, Catherine Claire, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Deiter Flemming of our Prairie Village parsonage made her debut in Kansas City. Gifts showered on the Flemming's at Christmas time included an elaborate baby shower.

The Bob Dewey's

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dewey and three daughters, Janet 3, Martha 1½ and Paula Jean 4 months live in Birmingham, Michigan where Bob is pastor of a high potential church. Bob, formerly of our Emporia Church, was president of Kansas P. F. in 1940-41. He was ordained at Emporia in 1951. Last summer he returned to our Senior Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga where he gave outstanding leadership. Kansas is justly proud of Bob Dewey and we hope he will return before too long.

From Gaylord

The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Curless express gratitude for many blessings. They are grateful for Kansas weather. Letters from friends at Mellen, Wisconsin, where they lived before moving to Kansas last spring, tell of 40 inches of snow and temperatures 38 degrees below zero. They are grateful for a congregation responsive to needs at home and abroad. In addition to accepting responsibility for a share of OCWM, Ministerial Relief and other phases of the larger program, they have made possible great advances in the local program. Also showered the parsonage folks with much food, a new typewriter and electric percolator.

Charles Albert Riley

The Rev. Mr. Riley of Kansas City First Pilgrim sends 1955 greetings on his 93rd Christmas and his 66th year as a minister. He reports that he seldom misses church—what a record!

Stevenson's at Council Grove

Wise parental counselling preparatory to their son's attendance at his first Christmas party, where a corsage and dancing were in order, was on the Stevenson's holiday program. Schuyler is a freshman in High School. Mrs. Stevenson has been taking work at Emporia State Teacher's College, looking toward a teacher's certificate. They are proud of the newly decorated sanctuary recently completed.

The Dan Tyson's

Dan and Fairy send greetings from Cotati, Calif., where Dan serves as student pastor while attending Pacific School of Religion. He expects to finish work for his B. D. degree by next January.

Russell Poppe's

No wonder the Hans Poppe's, in this Christmas setting, look so happy. Their letter is full of good news. They burned the mortgage on their lovely church building on Easter Sunday and plans for 1956 include the erection of a new parsonage.

From a Hutchinson Member

We are getting along fine in our church here. Some Sundays chairs have to be put in the aisles to seat people. Dr. Hornung gives us wonderful sermons. We have a big choir of young people and a fine P. F. under the leadership of Mrs. M. V. Brooks.

The Engelmann's

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Engelmann, leaders of the Hiawatha E. and R Church boast a new daughter-in-law, wife of Calvin, who is a Junior in KU Medical School. John, a Senior in High School, is making great marks in basketball.

Maple Hill

Our church is being supplied by the Rev. Lloyd Refsell who is taking training at Topeka State Hospital. Their 4 boys, Paul, Stephen, Jonathan and Olaf express delight at living in the Maple Hill ranch country.

Christmas in America

Lizzie Dawson, known by many of our Kansas young people after spending two weeks at Wa-Shun-Ga last summer, is shown helping decorate the Christmas tree at the Le Clerc home where she lives. Lizzie still plans to become a medical doctor and return to India to help her people.

The Bonny's

A busy year with much accomplished at Kansas City Rosedale where Bonny is pastor, teacher, counselor and Helen directs the church music and gives her talents in the church and community in many other ways. Beatrice 10, Erich 8 and Francis 5, lead busy lives. Last summer the family spent 2 weeks at Palm Beach, Florida with Helen's parents, the Lindquist's formerly of Lawrence. Bonny writes: "What a thrill to watch the children daily pitching their little bodies against the waves of the mighty ocean."

At Seneca

A festive occasion on December 18 was the church wedding of Judith Tate to Lt. Glen Beauchamp. Judy, a leader in P. F. camps and activities from Jr. Hi days to college when she directed camp music, graduated from K. U. last spring. The Christmas pageant, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by the Rev. G. Waldo Crippen minister at Seneca.

The King's at Oberlin

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph King sent their 13th Christmas letter from Oberlin where they have ministered since leaving Lawrence in 1942. They have four interesting children, and Carol the eldest is now a Freshman at Oberlin. How time flies!

Christmas Cheer

Our Great Bend Church sent a Christmas gift to each patient at the Larned State Hospital, who gave Congregational preference. The Women's Fellowship also sent a large box of home made cookies.

The Ellis Parsonage

Thirty-five young people and adults gathered at the Gurtler's in Ellis following an evening of carolling on December 23. A Christmas Eve candle light service at the church featured music from Handel's "Messiah" and an interpretation of the hymn, "Joy to the World" by a rhythmic choir. On December 26, the Rymph family reunion brought 18 to the Ellis parsonage.

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Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Louis Banker
By Russell Women's Guild

Mrs. Matilda Koch
Mrs. Phoebe McIntire
Mrs. Grace Watson
By Sedgwick Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Fannie Crum
By Downs Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Kate B. Browning
Mrs. Bessie Sargent Jones
Mrs. Flora E. Baker
Miss Clara Conron
Mrs. Sam W. Lyman
By Topeka Central Women's Society

Miss Agnes McDonald
By McPherson Women's Fellowship

Error: We regret that in the November issue, Mrs. Banker was listed as from Eureka instead of Russell.

February Is Memorial Month

In February each year, a period of time is set aside to honor and revere the women, who in the past, have been a source of inspiration and a challenge to the women of our Kansas Congregational churches. Some of the ones we honor have been very fine organizers; for them we offer a prayer of gratitude for the strength of our societies. Others have been fine students of the Bible; for them we offer a prayer of gratitude for the spiritual growth of our societies. Some have stepped forward with warm friendliness for the newcomers in our groups; for them we offer a prayer of thanks for all friendship and love among the women of our societies. And for the great caravan of those who were followers and doers; a prayer of gratitude for their fine work among us.

February—the month for remembering! Remembering these women who were active in the past, we, the women of the present, accept their challenge to carry high Christ's banner as we pass on the torch to the women of the future.

The income from the invested Memorial Fund is used to carry on the Women's Fellowship education in the state. It is your privilege to ask any of the women on the State Board, to visit your society. The fund is for their travel expense. Our President, Mrs. Lancaster, hopes to visit every society.

Your Memorial Fund Offering should be sent to the Fund Secretary. Last June enough money had accumulated to purchase an additional 6 shares of stock and the dividends are already coming to the state treasurer.

Through the years the small gift made by Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Markham in 1935 in memory of Mrs. Pearl Gonzales, has grown to more than $4,500.00 as additions have been made honoring our departed members. May God's continuing blessing rest on all of His workers as they carry on through our Women's Fellowship over Kansas.

—Muriel B. Leonard (Mrs. C. E.)

"HEARTWARMERS"

Christmas warmed the hearts of us all and if we can remember Christmas throughout the year, we will be influenced to do good. We have witnessed a very large scale miracle; we've seen ourselves and others changed for the better because we gave. I hope our hearts will be warmed through 1956 because we continue to give ourselves for God. My heart was warmed in other ways too.

To meet and visit with the members of our First Church in Topeka, part of the Caravan that visited there, and to talk with some of the women of the church later. To attend morning worship in Onaga and hear Miss Geraldine Gregg give the sermon, and later have a fine dinner and a Caravan meeting in the afternoon.

To visit and eat with the good folk at Wheaton, and discuss Stewardship with them as my part of the Caravan.

To see the interest and enthusiasm among the younger men and women of our Ruby Avenue Church in Kansas City when the meeting was thrown open for discussion.

To be made so very welcome at Mound City, see their fine sanctuary, and witness a baptism after the Caravan.

To visit Rosedale, which was the last Caravan for me, and see the wonderful fellowship that is theirs.

To talk to and with the women of our Welborn Fellowship and note their fine dedication service for their Woman's Gift.

To visit the Whatsoever Circle at First Pilgrim in Kansas City, a fellowship that takes its guiding verse seriously—"whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Vera Lancaster (Mrs. E. G.)

Lawrence "Thank You"

Plymouth Women are indeed grateful for the most generous gift of the Kansas Women's Fellowship through the Association meetings. Your concern and expressions of love in our loss, make it easier to go on with the task before us.

Although plans are far from complete, I am sure Plymouth Women will find a useful place for your gift. On behalf of our group, I send you our thanks,

Sincerely,
Louise Miller, (Mrs. Woodrow)

Mount Hope Friendly Service

The Women's Fellowship has sent money for a hand operated sewing machine to one of our overseas missionaries, Miss Louise Torrance in Africa. Miss Torrance's work is almost an "Each One Teach One" program. Its effects reach far beyond her immediate contact with the Africans she teaches. Each S. S. teacher trained by Miss Torrence carries the word of God to surrounding villages; each future mother she trains in domestic skills will pass on to her children the hope for a better Africa.

Olathe Women

Though our church at Olathe disbanded years ago, the women are still busy. They recently sent in their Woman's Gift and also reported sending a gift to Ryder Hospital in Puerto Rico and to Congregational Service Committee for France.

Mark The Dates

June 4, 5 & 6—Women's Retreat, McPherson College
Plan to send a carload of leaders.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

George Epps, President **Marilyn Bell, Secretary**

Ann Thompson
Southern Secretary

Work Day For Christ

Receipts to January 1, 1956

Anthony	$ 64.00
Centralia	12.00
Ford	16.48
Gaylord, Sr.	12.50
Gaylord, Jr. Hi	12.50
Great Bend	33.40
Haven	67.75
Hutchinson	20.00
K. C. Rosedale	20.00
K. C. Welborn-Sr.	22.85
K. C. Welborn—Jr. Hi.	15.00
Kinsley, Jr. Hi.	42.41
Kiowa	37.34
Lenora	75.00
Lincoln	9.45
McPherson	35.00
Manhattan	37.24
Maple Hill	70.25
Onaga	17.00
Partridge	43.65
Russell	34.50
Sabetha	$ 44.25
Topeka Central	152.00
Topeka First-Sr.	38.50
Topeka First-Jr. Hi	12.60
Topeka Seabrook	25.00
Whitewater	65.85
Wichita Pilgrim-Sr.	25.81
Wichita Pilgrim—Jr. Hi	12.85
Tonganoxie	12.00
Lawrence	208.80
Total	$1,295.98

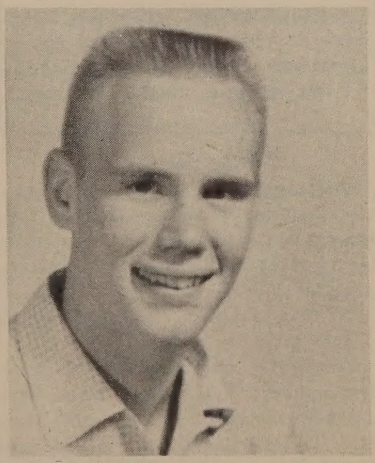
McPherson in the News

Marilyn Bell is President of the McPherson U.C.Y.M., and was Home-Coming Queen at High School.

John Matson won the local "Voice of Democracy" contest and is Vice President of U.C.Y.M.

Our Sympathy

To the Rev. Wm. B. Bryant on the loss of his father November 29.



Larry Deaton
Eastern Secretary

OBSERVE YOUTH WEEK

January 29 - February 5

THEME

"Our Citizenship Under Christ"

Plan

Significant Observance

Order

Guide For Worship Services

and

"Christians First" - A Play

from

National Council of Churches
79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Pledge of Youth

This day, while I am yet young, I commit my life to God. I shall walk in His ways and strive to do His will. I will keep my conversation wholesome, my conduct courteous and my conscience clear. I shall honestly try to know and appreciate my brothers in every land and give whatever service I can in the name of Christ and His Church.

P.F. Leaders Meet

On January 10 the State and Association sponsors of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship met in Topeka to make plans for the three 1955 camps and representation at the National P. F. Council to be held at Doane College, June 28 to July 5.

Present for lunch at Rymph's were Rev. and Mrs. Ray Carlton Jones, Rev. and Mrs. George Fisk, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. B. Bryant, Rev. and Mrs. Merton Rymph, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Hepler, and Rev. Hans Poppe. During the afternoon the wives had a "hen party" at the Hepler's.

Central Entertains

Honoring the kids home from college, Central Pilgrims entertained on December 21st with a dinner and program. Featured on the program was a playlet entitled, "The Chick and Betty Story" which payed tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves for their untiring efforts on behalf of Central P. F.

Great Bend Junior Hi

On December 4 the Junior Hi P. F. staged a covered dish supper and rally for Russell Senior and Jr. Hi P. F.'s and Great Bend Sr. P. F. There were 75 present. Helga Rennert, a refugee from behind the Iron Curtain, was guest speaker.

Family Camp

The 1956 Kansas-Nebraska Family Camp will be held at Estes Park this summer. The dates are July 29 to August 4.

Centralia

On December 23, three hundred people attended the pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang" presented by the choir and a cast of 25 people under the direction of Mrs. Fred Smith.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

On November 27 the Federated Church of Whitewater celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the church. The Rev. Frank Worthington, former pastor, brought the morning message which was followed by a fellowship dinner. At a special evening service messages were brought by the Rev. Orville Hepler, the Rev. J. D. Schmidt and other visitors.

Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

World Wide Attendance Crusade

Many of our churches in communities with ministerial associations and councils of churches, will be joining in the WORLD WIDE Church Attendance Crusade, January to Easter. The theme for the crusade is, "The Answer Is God."

Since the church is the one basic institution whose function it is to reveal God to men, and regular attendance is basic to this search for God, what better emphasis could be chosen for this period leading up to Easter.

The Kansas Council of Churches has mailed an introductory letter to all ministers inviting them to lead their churches in this undertaking. A special kit of materials has been sent to all ministerial associations and councils, providing the necessary information for this cooperative effort.

In the year 1957 the Evangelism Committee of the Kansas Council of Churches will promote a state-wide program of Visitation Evangelism. This year, however, it is limiting its promotion to the church attendnace crusade.

After looking over these materials, it is my opinion, that there is nothing in this program that will conflict with the programs normally carried on by our churches during Lent. The fact is it should greatly stimulate the evangelistic outreach to know that other churches are sharing simultaneously in this common effort.

Civic clubs discipline their members to achieve a good attendance record. Church members could well discipline themselves in regular attendance. "The Answer is God" through worship.

Let us begin the year by worshiping Him in Church each Sunday and deepen the experience of God by worshiping Him at home each day.

L. M. Rymph
For the Evangelism Committee

Laymen's Fellowship

Carl Althaus - President

Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop

The third annual meeting will be held September 22 and 23, 1956. Mark the dates.

Week-End State Conference

CALLING all Kansas laymen! State Conference dates are changed at the request of laymen. The Conference will begin with a dinner meeting on Friday evening, May 4 and close by 4:00 Sunday afternoon, May 6. Plan to spend May 4, 5 and 6 at Manhattan.

Luncheon Club

Men of our Great Bend Church met for lunch during the Advent season and decided to continue meeting throughout the year on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Ellis Laymen

Beginning in November, Ellis Church men are meeting the first Thursday of each month to make plans and have discussions on important subjects. In December they report a lively discussion on "Our Concept of God."

Men's Banquet

The Rev. Ned Burr McKenney was guest speaker at the 5th annual Men's $10.00 Appreciation Banquet at Centralia this fall. Receipts totalled $830.-00.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

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A Busy Month - December

The Erickson's at Topeka Seabrook report success in a week's financial drive under the leadership of Mr. LeRoy Eide early in December. Seabrook has added almost one hundred new members the past year. Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson and three children spent Christmas in Topeka.

Sabetha

Rev. and Mrs. S. Duane Ogden of Sabetha had all their family home for Christmas. Duane, Jr., and wife Grace came from Denver and Charles, a Naval Air Cadet, came from Hutchinson. Judy is a sixth grader and Jane is in kindergarten. An $18,000.00 enlargement program at the church, by way of a basement addition is nearing completion.

A Girl for Argo's

Rev. and Mrs. Glen Argo of Belle Plaine, Iowa, formerly of Centralia, announce the arrival of Julia Kate, on their Christmas Greeting. She has three older brothers.

Wichita Pilgrim - Zoppel's

With a church membership of 550 and church school enrollment of 540, it has been a busy year for Dick and Bobbie Zoppel. Martha is in kindergarten, Christina is past three and young Mark will soon be two.

From the Philippines

Dean and Mrs. Leland Call, formerly of Manhattan and K-State, report a busy year in Manila where Mr. Call has filled a government post since 1952. They left for home by air the first of January and will visit Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu, arriving back home in Manhattan in time for State Conference May 4, 5 and 6.

Martin Luther Film

This outstanding movie is now available from the Conference Office for the payment of transportation both ways Write for dates.

Dates To Remember

Jan. 23-27—Chicago Theological Seminary Ministers' Week.
Jan. 29-Feb. 5—Youth Week
Feb. 7, 8 & 9—Washburn Ministers' Convocation
Feb. 15—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17—World Day of Prayer
March 11—One Great Hour of Sharing
April 1—Easter Sunday